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Applicant: OGATA Serial No.: 10/527,179  
Filed: March 7, 2005 Docket No.: 13357.0010USWO  
Title: MELANIN ELIMINATOR PREPARATION (AS AMENDED)

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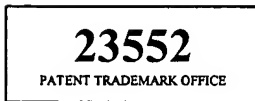
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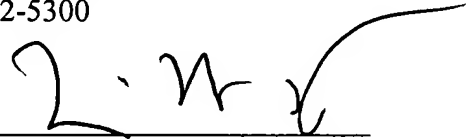


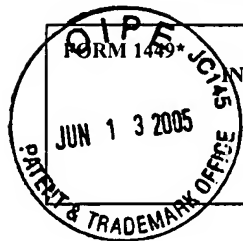
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 5,830,994	11/1996	D'Hinterland et al.			
	US 2002/10035243	03/2002	Imfeld et al.			
	US 2004/0092586	05/2004	Ogata et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	JP 60-11494	01/1985	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 63-8316	01/1998	Japan			Abstract	
	WO 95/08564	03/1995	WIPO			Abstract/ see IDS	
	WO 00/20385	04/2000	WIPO			Abstract	
	WO 00/24734	05/2000	WIPO				
	WO 00/32235	06/2000	WIPO			Abstract/ see IDS	
	WO 01/49250	07/2001	WIPO				
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Bonomi et al. <u>Synthesis and characterization of iron derivatives of dihydrolipoic acid and dihydrolipoamide.</u> <i>Inorganica Chimica Acta</i> , Vol. 195, (1992) pp. 109-115.
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	Kijima et al. <u>Electrochemical Study on Dihydrolipoamide-Iron (II) Complex and Its Chemical Reactivity.</u> <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> Vol. 50 (1985), pp. 2522-2524.
	Johannsen et al. <u>Studies on the Relationship between Chemical Structure and Pharmacokinetics of Tc-Thiolato Complexes.</u> <i>NucCompact</i> , Vol. 11, (1980), pp. 42-45. (ENGLISH ABSTRACT PROVIDED)

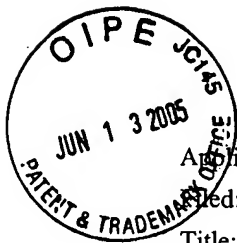
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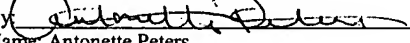
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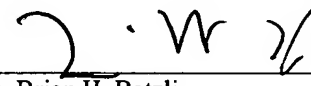
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